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least Reports: At killed at California college

OAKLAND (AFP) - At least seven people were killed and a number injured yesterday at a private religious college near San Francisco, local media reported, while police said a suspected gunman had been arrested.

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An AFP photographer saw at least four bodies being

Red Cross: Colombia's **FARC** rebels free 10 hostages

VILLAVICENCIO (AFP) Colombia's leftist FARC rebels yesterday freed 10 police officers and soldiers held hostage for more than 12 ears, a Red Cross spokes woman said.

The operation to free the hostages took place over several hours "in a rural area between Meta and Guaviare departments,"-- said spokeswoman for the International Committee of the Red Cross, Maria Cristina Rivera at the airport in Villavicencio.

loaded into a coroner's vehicle outside the Oikos University in East Oakland, while an eyewitness saw a fifth corpse.

The San Francisco Chronicle cited a woman injured in the attack as saying a student who had always "looked crazy" stood up in a class at the Christian college and started

A police spokeswoman said she could not confirm the number of dead, but CNN and the Oakland Tribune reported that seven had died and warned the death toll could rise. Three others were injured, CNN said.

Initially police warned that a suspect, described as Korean and in his 40s, was at large, but a short time later, the Oakland Police Department said on Twitter that they had a "possible suspect in custody. No imminent public safety threat appears to exist in immediate area."

The gunman was arrested some five miles away in Alameda, according to the Oakland Tribune, which cited a witness to the arrest, outside a Safeway supermarket, as saying the suspect was calm as he was taken into custody.

The greening of Aruba continues with new tree planting program

The greening of Aruba by the island's present government may be a bit of a pun, but the results of a more energy efficient, oil independent nation will certainly have long-term beneficial results. Since taking office it has been a policy of the administration of Prime Minister Mike Eman to encourage environmental awareness and sustainability: on Sunday April 1, he was joined by Minister of Tourism, Transport & Labor, plus Parliamentarians Lorna Varlack and Desiree Croes along Vice-President of Parliament, Chris Dammers, in a practical demonstration of this philosophy.

Minister Oduber has also taken on management of the Aruba Department of Agriculture, Fish and Animal Husbandry, the Santa Rosa

Center. decades they have cultivated plant species that thrive in Aruba's singular climate, educating the islanders in horticulture and raising animals as food sources. first Sunday of each month they conduct an extensive Farmer's Market at the cen-

This past Sunday, Santa Rosa personnel joined Prime Minister Eman and Minister



PM Eman and Minister Oduber plant the first tree

Santa Rosa Staff



Energy Efficient volunteers

Oduber at the governmental low income housing project at Cura Cabai South to inaugurate the first of 10,000 fruit tree plantings to take place all around the island over the coming months. Cura Cabai residents had 100 trees planted over their rather bare landscape, the first of them put in the ground personally by the PM and Minister Odu-

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Kid approved plan



Curação has long eliminated import Security, privacy and the duties on inverter type electronics!



ORANJESTAD -- Aruba Parliamentarian Donny Rasmijn represented Aruba's Parliament during an alternative energy conference dubbed "Durable Energy Conference" held in Curacao last

Different high caliber speakers with expertise in alternative energy addressed the audience at the conference. Prime Minister of Curacao, Gerrit Schotte opened the conference. In his opening remarks, the Curacao PM indicated that his government has already made significant changes to reduce the consumption of energy and that much more is being done in Curacao. They are diligently pursuing introducing alternative energy as rapidly as possible into the Curacao community.

For example, Curacao, much ahead of Aruba, has already completely eliminated import duties on solar panels and wind turbines. As a result of introducing net metering, the utility company is paying 22 cents per kWh to every home owner and 24 cents per kWh to companies who produce their own electricity.

The maximum that every household can produce is 10kWh while companies can produce 1MW. There is also a Wind Turbine Park of 30 MW on the way and a Waste to Energy Plant of 10 MW. Curação now has a total of 1 MW of electricity being produced by Solar Panels and 7MW more are pending.

Electrical apparatus using an inverter, such as air conditioners, microwaves and refrigerators has absolutely no import duties levied on them...they are imported completely duty free. LED lights are also import duty free. Curacao's government is not like Aruba with respect to alternative energy. There they talk less, much less blablabla, and more real action and savings to the people. The Curacao government is taking real action and is being aggressive with the understandable urgency for this matter when we consider the consistent rise in the price of electricity and water we face every day.

According to Rasmijn, Curacao has reduced their Diesel plants with 22 MW. This is why the country can afford to give such exciting incentives for the production of energy and sell this to the utility company, according to Donny Rasmijn.

Rasmijn argues that the situation on Aruba is different because we do not depend on a Diesel plant like in Curacao; we depend on WEB to function efficiently. This is why our electricity is at 10 cents per kWh and less expensive than Curacao's. This means that the government of Curacao made the decision to instead of investing large sums of money in an external company; they prefer to pay their own citizens for each kWh of electricity they produce.

Rasmijn shared with the Curacao PM that both he and Andin Bikker, Parliamentary colleague have been searching for some time for a way to reduce the import duties on alternative energy products... particularly on electronic apparatus using an inverter. The Aruba Parliament has recently passed a motion to reduce the import duties on these products (remember in Curação they did not reduce the duties...they eliminated them altogether!). They passed a motion to reduce these duties and the government will reduce their expenses on electricity by 25%. Curação has surpassed Aruba by far in this area. We need do no other than to speed up our act and follow suit.

wellbeing of every patient are foremost at Aruba's Hospital

ORANJESTAD -- One of the tasks of the hospital is to guarantee the secutity, privacy and wellbeing of every patient admitted to the hospital. In order to guarantee this sexurity, privacy and wellbeing of each patient it is imperative that the hospital follow certain procedures to prevent any situation that may create a danger for a patient or a vis-

Here follows some of the required procedures for visitors beyond visiting hours:

1. Visitors color coded card This visitors card will be issued to a visitor as a one

day pass when a patient comes to visit, for example, the Oncology Department, Out Patient Care and the Delivery Room.

The patient will be required to check in at the securty desk right accross from the elevators. There the request for the one day pass should be made. A color coded card will be issued to correspond with the department to be visited.

2. Visitor's Card

This card will be issued to a visitor for a maximum of 9 days when a patient is very ill and will need care assistance from a family member or if a child is a patient at the Children's Ward.

To receive this card it will be necessary to talk to the department in question first before proceeding to the Security Desk. As soon as all the process is cleared the securify personnel will issue the Visitor's Card. For every patient they will issue 2 visitor's cards with names affixed as well as the address of the visitor. The card will also indicate the date of issue and expiry date on the card. After visitor's hours the holder of the visitor's card will be required to show a valid ID along with the Visitor's Card to gain admission.

In the event of an unexpected serious accident, the Hospital will show their understanding, but will not allow more than 4 persons to enter in the company of the victim to the Waiting Room. This, obviously, is only in the event of extreme cases and after the security personnel consults with the Head of the Security Department of the Hospital.

A reminder of the visiting hours of the Hospital is also important here. Visiting hours are from 11:30 am to 1:00 in the afternoon. Also, from 6:00 in the afternoon to 8:00 in the evening. For the Intensive Care Department and the Medium Care Department the visiting hours are between 12:00 noon to 1:00 in the afternoon and from 7:00pm to 8:00pm. To proceed to the Delivery Rooms each person must make an appointment.



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A gala celebration of UNOCA 25th anniversary at Cas di Cultura on April 14



The celebration committee

The 'Union di Organisacionnan Cutural Arubano,' or UNOCA, is celebrating 25 years of promoting and financing efforts in fine arts for the Aruban community on Saturday, April 14, with a concert and gala event at the Cas di Cultura in Oranjestad beginning at 8:00 PM

Committee organizers, led by UNOCA Director Lupita Gil, extended an invitation to all to attend this concert event, titled "UNOCA in Silver," and to join in the spirit by dressing appropriately and wearing something silver, either clothing or accessories, for the occasion.

Carlos Bislip, Director of

the National Aruba Music School, is organizing the concert, which will feature 25 of Aruba's top vocalist accompanied by himself and a group of Aruba's most accomplished musicians. Tickets are only 10 Aruban florins and are on sale at UNOCA headquarters on the Stadionweg, De Wit & Van Dorp in Dakota, at the Cas di Cultura and PostAruba in San Nicolas.

Organizers expect a sold out auditorium, and several large screens will be set up outside the Cas di Cultura, with speakers and seating for more of the public to enjoy the concert

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Meet Dr. Richard Feenstra, speaker at the 4th Caribbean Tourism Security Conference

The Aruba Hotel and Security Foundation (AH&SF) is organizing the Fourth Caribbean Tourism Security Conference on June 5 and 6, 2012. Dr. Richard Feenstra is one of the speakers at the conference.

Dr. Richard Feenstra is an expert in organizational psychology and event risk management. Feenstra is a former police officer and was a noncommissioned officer in the United States Army. Feenstra combines education with practical experience working in security and risk management. Feenstra has worked for over 10 years at one of the largest convention centers in the world. Feenstra received his bachelor's degree and Master's degree from Texas A&M University and his PhD in educational psychology from the University of Nevada Las Vegas. Feenstra is also a certified Fire Inspector.

Feenstra brings to Tourism & More a wide variety of skills and is T&M certified to teach courses on crowd management, event risk analysis, safety monitors, operational planning, event security, event leadership,



security hospitality, cultural diversity, investigations, and report writing. Feenstra has also provided his services working with organizations in implementation of nationally recognized industry regulations, standards and best practices.

Feenstra's current affiliations include: Treasurer of the Southern Nevada Tourist Safety Association; and memberships in the American Society for Industrial Security (ASIS), the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA), the American Education Research Association (AERA), the Society for Organizational Learning (SOL), the Travel and Tourism Research Association (TTRA), and the International Association of Assembly Managers (IAAM).





Aruba gets 100 trash bins strategically placed around the island

ORANJESTAD -- On Thursday morning the Tourism Product Enhancement Fund (TPEF) kicked off their project of placing 100 trash bins for Aruba. Fifteen of these bins will be placed on the Eagle Beach. The other trash bins will be placed at strategic points around the island including Baby Beach, Mangel Halto, Casibari, and Arashi, and at other attraction sites.

Myrna Jansen-Feliciano, representing the Minister of Tourism; Jan van Ness, President of the TPEF; Sjeidy Feliciano, secretary of TFEP and representative of Clean Master was at hand at the Eagle Beach last Thursday to inaugurate the placement of the first of these trash bins.

With these trash bins the Aruban community and our visitors can make a more concerted effort to keep our island clean. Clean Master will take care of the job of keeping them emptied and clean.

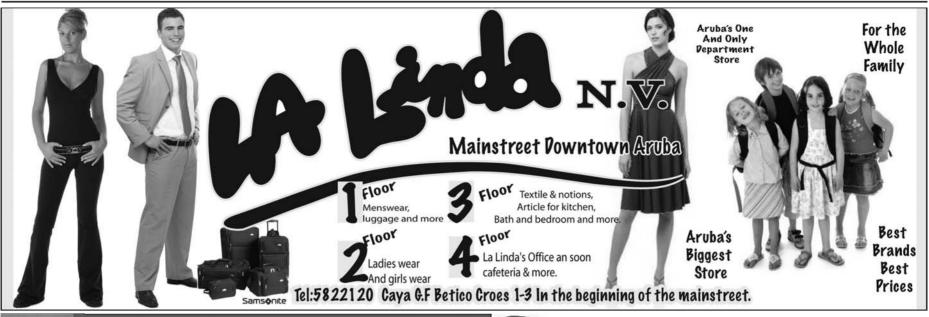
Sjeidy Feliciano emphasized the fact that..."Aruba



dushi to live is an Aruba dushi to visit," hence; every TPEF project has the objective of continuing to make Aruba a clean and dushi place to live.

There are various other projects taking place simultaneously across the island,

such as the "Stray dogs and cats" Project, the Animal Rights and the Vet Services programs. All of these projects are to promote and increase the security in the Oranjestad area together with the Aruba Hotel & Security Foundation.





Sensible reasons to really let go of your Ex: Part I

My instinctive recommendation is always to "axe" your ex! I see many clients who come for counseling regarding a relationship that went bad and ended in a painful break up. The precipitating factors that led to the breakup are often varied and different for most clients. For some, the break up could have been avoided if their behavior was different...they 'pushed' the other person away without realizing it. I could write long about what to do and what not to do in such cases.

However, in today's Pointers to Ponder, I want to share with you the 8 sensible reasons you should pull the plug completely on an ex in your life. If you truly want to find yourself again, to feel liberated and break the grief cycle, you need to consider these 8 reasons why you ought to let your ex go completely!

In the past, before computers and social media, breakups meant saying goodbye and tearing up your old love letters. But, today in our digital technological world it seems almost impossible to completely keep from browsing your ex's Facebook profile and regretting that you did. Let me give you 8 reasons why you should break away from your ex and truly move on:

Reason number one: to Grieve!

Feeling angry, sad and regret are very natural aspects of the grieving process. But believe me, it is very difficult to get past those feelings if you are still focused on your ex! Actually, the main benefit of breaking up with an ex is to get



rid of the emotional hold that person may have on you. And, to avoid contact with the person during the healing stage is the single best way to move on. So, do hang up the phone – permanently, block the facebook account –permanently, delete the pin on your BB – permanently.

Reason number two: to Get You Back!

The moment your ex is truly out of your life, you will find that he/she will start retreating to the background of your mind. You will begin thinking less and less about your ex. But, if you continue to keep in touch, that will slow down the healing process. The healing process will include reacquainting yourself with your deepest relationship need. You will be able to finally focus on YOU again, get acquainted with YOU again, and to become healthy for a new relationship down the road sometime later.

Reason number three: to Get Back to Reality!

You may be like so many others, they tend to idealize an ex, and overemphasize the importance of the relationship. But, I tell you sincerely, that if you continue to hold on to the past, you might put your ex on

a pedestal that they don't deserve to be on. This will result in you not being completely open to a new healthy relationship. You MUST close the door completely shut to be able to begin a new relationship...that's the pure reality!

Reason number four: to Give up Sex!

Remember, these are the reasons you want to cut loose of your ex...so you can grieve, so you can find yourself again, so you can get back to reality, and now, so you can give up sex! Sex with your ex is a very familiar and easy thing. So very many clients tell me that this is something they do with so much regret over and over! In the same way that new relationships have a sort of honeymoon stage, many broken relationships with sex begin on a doomed high instead of the hoped for revival. The idea that sex will ignite the old fire is so deceptive. The excitement you feel soon fades as the old issues which caused the break up in the first place surfaces...and surfacing they will!

For the sake of the space constraints, I am going to stop here and give you the other four reasons in next issue. Remember, you deserve the very best and the best requires that you cut loose of anyone who does not respect, honor and cherish you for the special person that you are. Read on for more in next issue.

Send your comments, remarks, questions to: tony-green.morningnews@hotmail.com.

SETAR N.V. announces its Pay Per View Major League Baseball Extra Innings

As of April 5, enjoy a sneak preview on 14 channels

SEROE BLANCO SETAR Cable Services this year, once again, is offering to all Major League Baseball fans the opportunity to view all the MLB games via Pay Per View. The offer, called "Extra Innings," will be transmitted on 14 different SD channels (channels 121 to 134) and 2 High Definition (HD) channels (channels 320 & 321).

The Major League Baseball season is from April 5 to October 3, 2012, with 80 games broadcasted per week.

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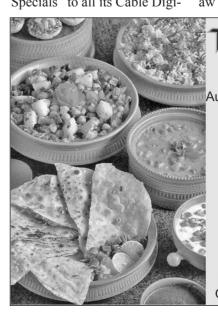
tal 60+ clients; a lump sum payment or 4 monthly installments. All clients who wish to take advantage of this limited time offer must present themselves and proper ETAR in order to verify at the Early Bird offer

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For more information readers may call tel. 139 or visit SETAR's website: www.setar.



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A gala celebration...

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Lupita Gil shows the memorial book on sale

For the increased enjoyment of the ticket holders, entrance for the concert is restricted to those only over the age of 15, so no children will disrupt the performances. Families with youngsters are welcomed to join them on the lawn and façade to enjoy the event al fresco.

Noted soprano Tica Giel will be MC; joining her on the music committee is Carlos, along with Tino Ruiz and Maybelline Arends-Croes.

During its tenure, UNOCA has financed nearly all of the most important cultural initiatives on the island, from concerts and recitals featuring local talent to bringing in top international performers in drama, music and dance, publishing and visual arts. They maintain a stunning collection on permanent exhibition at their headquarters.

On the occasion of their silver anniversary, UNOCA has published a retrospect of accomplishments in the arts and their history; a beautiful coffee table book, it will be on sale during the concert for only 29 Aruban florins, (\$12.00.)

For more information or to reserve tickets, visit their Stadionweg premises or call 583-5681 / 582-0108 or E-mail: unoca@setarnet.aw or www.unocaruba.org

Rosalie Klein

The greening of Aruba continues with new tree planting program

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The morning included a team from the "Hunta Nos ta Spaar" (Together we Save) program from Elmar NV, Aruba's energy distributor. Along with Prime Minister Eman and Minster Oduber, they went door to door to visit with all the residents to distribute goody bags of energy and water saving products. The bags contained useful items such as LED bulbs, filters for faucets and shower heads that increase

water pressure while reducing consumption, a blow up device for toilet tanks so they require less water, and tablets, which when dropped into the tank, reveal if there are leaks or not, as this has been found to be a major source of wasted water.

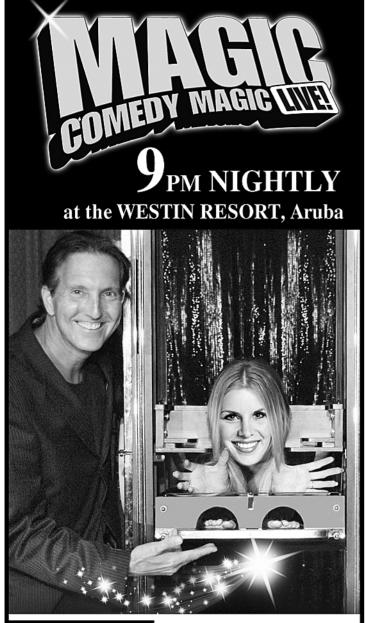
These items are part of a program of distributions among low income housing projects around the island to help occupants handle their water and energy bills, while educating them on what they can do to reduce costs.

It was a very festive and enlightening affair for the Cura Cabai community; an exceedingly pleasant way to learn about what they can do to preserve their planet and save money.

Photo at right depicts Prime Minister Eman showing the kids what is in the bag.

by Rosalie Klein





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Authorities regain control of Honduras prison

SAN PEDRO SULA, Honduras (AFP) - Authorities have regained control of a Honduran prison where 13 people died during an uprising last week which also saw a fire break out, a spokesman for the attorney general's office said vesterday

"The situation is calm," said Elvis Guzman, spokesman for the attorney general's office in San Pedro Sula, the country's second largest city where the prison is located.

Guzman said inmates had allowed the police to re-enter the cellblock where a deadly brawl and fire broke out on Thursday, apparently over plans to transfer some prisoners to another facility.

The unrest, which involved knives and possibly pistols, left 13 inmates dead, and was halted only after local Catholic Bishop Romulo Emiliani came to the prison at the request of inmates to mediate with authorities.

The incident at San Pedro Sula Prison was only the latest in a series of violent incidents and disasters for the Honduran prison system recently.

President Profirio Lobo has promised to improve prison conditions.

INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Combative Obama warns Supreme Court on health law

WASHINGTON (AFP) - US President Barack Obama yesterday challenged the "unelected" Supreme Court not to take the "extraordinary" and "unprecedented" step of overturning his landmark health reform law.

In a highly combative salvo on a case which could have a critical impact on his reelection chances, Obama warned that health care for millions of people was at stake, even as nine Supreme Court justices deliberate the arguments.

"Ultimately, I am confident that the Supreme Court will not take what would be an unprecedented, extraordinary step of overturning a law that was passed by a strong majority of a democratically elected Congress." Obama said.

Congress," Obama said.

The US Supreme Court held compelling legal arguments on the health reform law, the centerpiece of Obama's political legacy, last week, amid a flurry of com-

mentary predicting the law will ruled unconstitutional.

Obama noted that for years, conservatives had been arguing that the "unelected" Supreme Court should not adopt an activist approach by making rather than interpreting law, and held up the health legislation as an example.

"I am pretty confident that this court will recognize that and not take that step," Obama said during a press conference in the White House Rose Garden with the leaders of Canada and Mexico.

Following pointed questions by Supreme Court justices to the government's lawyer at hearings on the health care case last week, many commentators are predicting a conservative majority on the court will strike the law down.

Obama's comments will be seen as a warning shot to the court, one of the three branches of the US government, and could draw com-

plaints from critics that he is trying to influence the deliber-

The president also vigorously defended the law's individual mandate clause by which the government requires all Americans to buy health insurance coverage to expand coverage and in return for requiring insurers to cover all patients.

"I think the justices should understand, in the absence of an individual mandate, you cannot have a mechanism to ensure that people with pre-existing conditions can actually have health care."

Obama also argued there was a "human element" to the health care battle, as well as legal and political dimensions.

He said that without the law, passed after a fierce battle with Republicans in 2010, several million children would not have health care, and millions more adults with pre-existing conditions would also be deprived of treatment.

UN leader praises 'courage' of Myanmar president

UNITED NATIONS (AFP) -UN leader Ban Ki-moon yesterday hailed the "courage" of Myanmar's President Thein Sein after an election which saw opposition heroine Aung San Suu Kyi elected to parliament

Ban said the election was a significant step but added that the government still had to "redouble" efforts to reach national reconciliation.

Ban congratulated Myanmar's government and political parties for "the peaceful and largely orderly" by-elections on Sunday which saw Aung San Suu Kyi win a parliamentary seat, said his spokesman Martin Nesirky.

The UN secretary general said it marked "another significant step towards a better future for Myanmar. He acknowledges, in particular, the courage and vision of President Thein Sein, which has made such progress possible," said Nesirky.

Ban, who could visit Myanmar in April, noted "the constructive efforts and positive statements" by the government and other key players, including Aung San Suu Kyi, said the spokesman.

"The secretary general urges the government and all political forces to cooperate and build on the important achievement of the by-election and to consolidate the country's democratic gains.

"He also calls on all of Myanmar's stakeholders to redouble their efforts toward genuine national reconciliation and long-term and durable peace."

Nesirky said a UN team in Myanmar witnessed voting in several constituencies. "Despite some complaints of irregularities during the voting, key stakeholders in Myanmar, including political parties, have stressed to the UN team their strong belief that these by-elections are a boost for the ongoing reforms and a very important step towards a more peaceful and democratic future in Myanmar," he said.



JERUSALEM: A member of the Temple Institute dressed in biblical priestly garments dashes a vessel filled with the blood of a slaughtered lamb against a mock Temple altar after a Jewish ritual slaughter in an enactment of the preparation for the renewal of the Passover sacrifice in the third Jewish Temple on April 2, 2012 during a display to the public in Jerusalem. The slaughter of the lamb was conducted in precise way according to Biblical references that ensures a quick and painless demise. The eight-day Pesach holiday (Passover), begins the April 6, with the sunset to commemorate the Israelis' exodus from Egypt some 3,500 years ago. (AFP PHOTO)

INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Syria accepts April 10 peace deadline, says Annan

UNITED NATIONS (AFP) - Syria has agreed to "immediately" start pulling troops out of protest cities, UN-Arab League envoy Kofi Annan said yesterday but Western nations quickly expressed doubts that the new promises would be kept.

Annan said President Bashar al-Assad's foreign minister had agreed to complete a troop and heavy weapon withdrawal by April 10, US ambassador Susan Rice told reporters after a UN Security Council meeting on the Syria crisis.

Syria's UN envoy, Bashar Jaafari, confirmed the April 10 date had been agreed "by common accord" between Annan and his government.

Annan told the Security Council however that "no progress" has been made yet reaching a ceasefire, diplomats And in announcing the new deadline, the US ambassador said the United States and other countries doubted that Assad would carry out the new commitments.

"Past experience would lead us to be skeptical and to worry that over the next several days, that rather than a diminution of the violence we might yet again see an escalation of the violence. We certainly hope that is not so," Rice said.

Annan briefed a closed meeting of the 15-member council by videoconference from Geneva on his efforts to halt the Assad government assault against protesters and opposition groups. The UN says more than 9,000 have died in the violence of the past year.

The Syrian foreign minister, Walid Muallem, had written to Annan on Sunday

agreeing to the new deadline, Rice told reporters.

Muallem "said the Syrian military will begin immediately and by April 10 will complete the cessation of all forward deployment and use of heavy weapons and will complete its withdrawal from population centers," Rice said.

She added that Annan's deputy Nasser al-Qudwa is in contact with Syrian opposition groups to get them to halt hostilities within 48 hours of government forces carrying out their commitments.

Annan also called on the council to support the April 10 deadline and to start considering the deployment of a UNbacked observer mission in Syria if fighting is halted. Members of Annan's team are to go to Damascus this week to discuss a possible observer mission.







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Gates gives \$12mn dollars grant to boost yam production

LAGOS (AFP) - The Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation gave a \$12-million (nine-million-euro) grant yesterday to a project aimed at boosting yam production and doubling the income of west African farmers of the crop.

It is the foundation's largest grant for yam production anywhere in the world, said a spokesman of the International Institute of Tropical Agriculture in Nigeria's southwest city of Ibadan.

The project's initial focus is on 200,000 smallholder farm families in Ghana and Nigeria, 90 percent of whom cultivate less than two acres, the institute said in a statement.

Yam, a tuber plant, is a staple food in many tropical countries and provides the most important source of dietary calories in Nigeria and Ghana.

But a variety of pests and diseases have dramatically reduced harvests.

"Most farmers cultivate yams mainly for household consumption, but if we can increase yields, while also improving marketing conditions, then many of these farmers should be able to earn a steady income from growing yams," institute director general Nteranya Sanginga said.

'Pink slime' furor crushes US beef processor

WASHINGTON(AFP) - A leading US ground-beef processor, AFA Foods, filed for bankruptcy protection yesterday, blaming media coverage of one of its products dubbed "pink slime" by critics.

AFA Foods said it was forced to file for Chapter 11 bankruptcy protection "given recent changes in the market for its ground beef products and the impact of media coverage related to Boneless Lean Beef Trimmings (BLBT)."

Based in King of Prussia, Pennsylvania, the company claims to be the nation's largest ground beef processor, producing more than 700 million pounds (317 million kilograms) annually, mostly for food service companies. AFA Foods said in a statement that it had sought bankruptcy protection because "the best way to preserve value for its stakeholders is through an orderly sale of some or all of its assets."

BLBT is made from beef trimmings otherwise used in pet food and cooking oil that is treated with a puff of ammonia to deter e. coli bacteria. The lean, finely textured beef is typically added to ground meat, like hamburger, as a low-cost filler.

In mid-March, public furor about the so-called "pink slime" drove the US Department of Agriculture to announce it would leave it to schools to decide whether to use the controversial ground-beef filler in the

meals they serve to students.

The USDA's National School Lunch Program feeds more than 31 million school children, many of them from low-income families.

USDA recently bought seven million pounds (3.6 million kilograms) of the rosy-colored product for school meals -- prompting more than 250,000 consumers to sign an online petition demanding a halt to its use in school food.

Several fast-food chains, including McDonald's, have declared they would cease beefing up their burgers with lean finely textured beef.

AFA Foods has seven production facilities and a workforce of more than 1,000 employees.

Quake measuring 6.3 hits Mexico

MEXICO CITY (AFP) - An earthquake measuring 6.3 struck southwestern Mexico yesterday, sending thousands of people into the streets of the capital in fear. There were no immediate reports of casualties or damage.

The quake struck at 1736 GMT with its epicenter some 158 kilometers (98 miles) from Huajuapan de Leon, Oaxaca, at a depth of 12.3 kilometers (7.6 miles), the US Geological Survey said.

Residents said the quake rocked the capital, Mexico City, causing panicked resi-

dents to flee houses and buildings in many areas of the city.

Thousands of people poured into the city's main downtown boulevard, Avenida La Reforma, from buildings alongside it.

But Mayor Marcelo Ebrard said on his Twitter account that there were no immediate reports of damage.

Mexico City's police chief, Manuel Mondragon, said an initial survey of the city from the air and land had been completed "with no catastrophic situation to report."

Siberian plane crash kills 31 in oil town

MOSCOW (AFP) - Thirtyone people died yesterday when a Russian plane crashed and burst into flames upon take-off from a Siberian airport at which another Boeing jumbo jet had to abort its flight only a few hours later.

The emergencies ministry said the French-Italian made ATR-72 was carrying 39 passengers and four crew when it came down 45 kilometres (28 miles) from the western Siberian city of Tyumen after taking off for the oil town of

Surgut

The twin-engine turboprop was operated by UTair -- a private Russian airline that conducts most of its flights in the energy-rich regions of Siberia and the Ural Mountains.

The airline said in a statement that the plane came down "while conducting a forced landing 1.5 kilometres (about one mile)" outside Roshchino airport.

One witness on the ground said he noticed a problem as soon as the propeller plane left the runway.

Intial reports suggested that the plane was in good condition and being operated by an experienced pilot on a sunny but chilly day that seemed to provide ideal flight conditions.

Investigators said the ATR-72 first entered into service in 1992 and had recorded 35,000 flight hours -- figures that match those of planes used by Western airlines.

UTair itself gave no immediate reason for the crash.



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Use Paper Towels It's not the most ecologically correct step to take, but using paper towels while a family member has a cold can stop spreading those germs to you and others. Keep them in the bathroom, kitchen and anyplace else you use cloth towels.

Osteoporosis Drugs May Lead to Eye **Trouble: Study**

First-time users of osteoporosis drugs called oral bisphosphonates may be at increased risk for serious inflammatory eye disease, a new study contends.

bisphosphonates, Oral such as Fosamax and Actonel, are the most commonly prescribed class of drugs to prevent or slow osteoporosis, a disease that causes very

weak bones. Previous studies have linked the drugs to problems such as unusual fractures, irregular heartbeat and esophageal and colon cancer.

In addition, some case reports have shown an association between the drugs and inflammatory eye diseases -anterior uveitis and scleritis -- that can cause serious vision impairment.



TAIWAN, Taipei: Protesters display a placards during a rally in downtown Taipei against the government's plan to lift a ban on most US beef containing a controversial growth drug. The plan, pending parliament's approval, will allow import of beef treated with ractopamine, a feed additive used to promote leanness in animals raised for meat. Observers say the government plan is aimed to facilitate trade talks with Washington, (AFP PHOTO)

Skin cancer on the rise among young adults: US study



WASHINGTON (AFP) -Skin cancer is on the rise among young adults, according to a US study on Monday that suggests using indoor tanning beds and failing to protect against childhood sunburns may be to blame.

Between 1970 and 2009,

the rate of melanoma among women increased eightfold and quadrupled among men, according to Mayo Clinic experts who studied all medical records for 256 people in a county in Minnesota over that timespan.

However, death rates from melanoma fell during the same period, suggesting that early interventions may be helping to save some lives, said the researchers.

And while the results of the small study may not be representative of the entire United States, lead investigator Jerry Brewer, a Mayo dermatologist, sounded the alarm about what he called a "dramatic rise in women in their 20s and 30s."

There is no such thing as healthy baseline tan, Brewer said.

"Even though young people have more of an understanding of the detrimental effects of tanning they are still not changing their behavior and they are tanning just as much or more as they did way back in the '80s."

Although the current study did not focus on reasons for the increase, Brewer said other researchers have

found that people who use indoor tanning beds -- a five billion dollar a year industry -- are 74 percent more likely to get melanoma than nontanners.

Jennifer Stein, a dermatologist at New York University Langone Medical Center, agreed that indoor tanning is a likely culprit.

"One possible explanation for this rapid increase in cases of melanoma may be the use of indoor tanning beds in teens and young adults, which has become so popular in recent years," said Stein, who was not involved with the study.

"It's important for people to protect their skin from ultraviolet exposure, and to check their skin for new or changing moles, which can be a sign of melanoma. The key to surviving melanoma is early detection."

Melanoma is the deadliest form of skin cancer, and is expected to cause 76,000 new cases and 9,100 deaths in the United States this year, according to the National Cancer Institute.

People at the highest risk are those with light hair and green or blue eyes. Spending a lot of time in the sun and having had one or more blistering sunburns in youth also boost the risk.

One young woman affected by skin cancer is Laura Hopwood, a 22-year-old network technician from New York, who was recently diagnosed with melanoma and had a pea-sized cancerous mole removed from her left

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A second precancerous mole has also been found and removed, and she now faces a lifetime of vigilance against skin cancer even though she has never used an indoor tanning bed but is blond-haired, blue-eyed and has more than 50 moles on her body.

"I was out in the sun as a kid and I didn't wear as much sunscreen as I should have because that wasn't necessarily on my mind. I also had that perception -- skin cancer happens to old people, it doesn't happen to me," she told AFP.

"Young people need to be aware it is on the rise, particularly among women just like me," she added, urging people to check their moles regularly for any signs of change and protect themselves from the sun.

Hopwood now regularly sees a host of doctors who check her blood levels and moles twice a year to make sure there is no sign of the cancer returning.

Doctors urge people to limit sun exposure, use sunscreen, and check moles for the ABCDEs: asymmetry, a border that is blurred or irregular, colors that are varied within the same mole, a diameter of more than a pencil eraser, and elevation or evolution -- signs that the mole is raised or is changing shape.

SCI-TECH

Australian WiFi inventors win US legal battle

SYDNEY (AFP) - Australian government science body CSIRO said Sunday it had won a multi-million-dollar legal settlement in the United States to license its patented technology that underpins the WiFi platform worldwide.

Scientists from the agency invented the wireless local area network (WLAN) technology that is the basis of the WiFi signal employed by computers, smartphones and other Internet-ready devices around the world.

The Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organisation (CSIRO) patented the technology in the 1990s, and has been suing companies using it without a licence since 2005.

In 2009, CSIRO recouped Aus\$205 million (US\$212 million) after settling cases against 14 companies. The agency said it had now been awarded a further Aus\$220 million after reaching agreements with 23 more firms.

Australian Minister for Science and Research Chris Evans said in a statement that it was an important battle to win.

"It was important that Australia protect its intellectual property, and that those major companies who are selling billions of devices pay for the technology that they were using," he said.

Nigel Poole, a senior executive at CSIRO, said the agency was delighted with the result.

"CSIRO's commercial and legal teams on both sides of the Pacific have worked very hard over the past several years to gain a reasonable return and I would like to pay particular tribute to them for their extraordinary efforts," he said.

"Of course, it was the inventors, led by Dr John O'-Sullivan, whose brilliance in the 1990s made all this possible."

The invention came out of CSIRO's pioneering work in radioastronomy, with a team of its scientists cracking the problem of radio waves bouncing off surfaces indoors, causing an echo that distorts the signal.

They overcame it by building a fast chip that could transmit a signal while reducing the echo, beating many of the major communications companies around the world that were trying to solve the same issue.



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S. Africa cave holds earliest sign of fire-use: study

WASHINGTON (AFP) - Scientists said Monday they have uncovered the earliest evidence of campfires made by human ancestors in a cave in South Africa, suggesting that the practice may have started one million years ago.

Until now, experts have found little consensus on when our prehistoric cousins figured out how to make sparks for cooking food and keeping warm, according to the study in the Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences.

Hints of such activity have been found in Africa, Asia and Europe, but the earliest signs of fire were believed to be scorched pot pieces in Israel, dating to around 700,000-800,000 years ago.

Fragments of burnt animal bones and stone tools that appear to be even older have since been found in layers of sediment at the Wonderwerk Cave in north-central South Africa where earlier excavations have shown a significant record of human occupation.

Researchers found "well preserved ashed plant material and burned bone fragments deposited in situ on discrete surfaces and mixed within sediment" in the cave, suggesting small, local fires near the entrance, said the study.



Twitter Updates BlackBerry App

Twitter threw a bone to beleaguered BlackBerry owners on Monday with an app update that offers some parity to Twitter's iOS and Android apps.

The new Twitter for BlackBerry lets users share links to web pages directly from the browser and automatically shortens links you send from your phone.

In addition, you can upload photos from your device's camera to pic.twitter.com. Another feature lets you connect your Twitter account to BlackBerry Messenger so you can share your latest tweet as a BBM Personal Message.

Texting lanes???



Pedestrians walk through an "e-lane" Monday, April 2, 2012, in Philadelphia. Philadelphia Mayor Michael Nutter used April Fool's Day to have a little fun with what he says is a real problem: distracted walking. City officials painted lines and oblivious stick-figure pictures on one stretch of John F. Kennedy Boulevard near City Hall as a jab at pedestrians who keep their eyes on their cellphone screens and not their surroundings.

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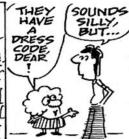






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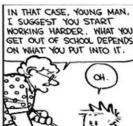


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Finance

Euro zone unemployment reaches near 15-year high

BRUSSELS - Unemployment in the euro zone reached its highest level in almost 15 years in February, with more than 17 million people out of work, and economists said they expected job office queues to grow even longer later this year.

Joblessness in the 17-nation currency zone rose to 10.8 percent and 0.1 points worse than in January, Eurostat said yesterday.

Economists are divided over the wisdom of European governments' drive to bring down fiscal deficits so aggressively as economic troubles hit tax revenues, consumers' spending power and business confidence which collapsed late last year.

February's unemployment level - last hit in June 1997 marked the 10th straight monthly rise and contrasts sharply with the United States where the economy has been adding jobs since late last year.

"We expect it to go higher, to reach 11 percent by the end of the year," said Raphael Brun-Aguerre, an economist at JP Morgan in London. "You have public sector job cuts, income going down, weak consumption. The economic growth outlook is negative and is going to worsen unemployment."

Separate data released on yesterday showed manufacturing activity in the euro zone shrank for an eighth successive month in March, providing further evidence for Brussels' forecast that euro zone output will shrink 0.3 percent this year.

The European Commission, which along with Berlin is a driving force behind the EU's debt reduction strategy, said joblessness showed countries must enact difficult reforms.

Public resistance is rising in

Italy to Prime Minister Mario Monti's labor market reforms, while Spain's premier, Mariano Rajoy, faced his first general strike last week.

"This is why, more than ever, it is important to carry out structural reforms in countries where the growth potential remains low and where we don't see the creation of new and better jobs," Amadeu Altafaj, the spokesman for the EU's top economic official Olli Rehn, told reporters.

Despite the economic vista, the European Central Bank is expected to hold interest rates at 1 percent at its monthly meeting on Wednesday, as rising oil prices keep inflation above its 2 percent target.

"With inflation remaining stubbornly high throughout the euro zone, there is very little hope of a consumer recovery," said Jennifer McKeown, an economist at Capital Markets.

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Visa drops US payment handler after breach

SAN FRANCISCO (AFP) - Global Payments said yesterday that Visa has dropped the US-based payment processor after data from as many as 1.5 million credit cards was looted from its system.

The word came as credit card titans Visa and Master-Card scrambled to thwart cyber crooks who snatched a massive trove of valuable account data.

The card industry was jolted by news last week that data from as many as 10 million cards was stolen.

Global Payments said however that "less that 1.5 million accounts" in North America were hit by "unauthorized access" to its processing system.

Information stolen was from credit card magnetic strip "tracks" known to include credit card numbers, verification codes, and expiration dates.

"The investigation to date has revealed that Track Two card data may have been stolen, but that cardholder names, addresses and social security numbers were not obtained by the criminals," Global Payments said in a release.

VISA

"Based on the forensic analysis to date, network monitoring and additional security measures, the company believes that this incident is contained."

Global Payments chief executive Paul Garcia said in a conference call that the company was still processing Visa transactions and expected to regain its trusted status after fixing compliance

Analysts said they were awaiting more news from the latest breach.

"Sounds like there's a lot more going on out there than the payment industry and law enforcement have nailed down and are prepared to talk about," said Gartner analyst Avivah Litan.

Air France goes low-cost, seeks more savings

PARIS (AFP) - Airline group Air France-KLM, struggling for profit, said yesterday it will develop low-cost shortand medium-haul services through its no-frills Transavia unit and seek more savings.

The company said it would maintain its current short- and medium haul flights but on condition that further cost savings be found.

"Next June, we will be able to present a plan for the company. The target of 20 percent in cost savings is the minimum -- to achieve less would be to compromise the recovery and future of the company," chief executive Alexandre de Juniac



said in a statement.

Air France announced in January a series of urgent measures to save one billion euros (\$1.32 billion) over three years and yesterday's statement pointed to deeper restructuring and savings of another billion euros.

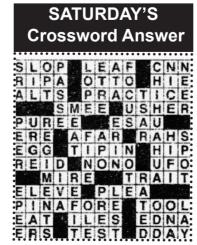
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Air France recently set up operating hubs in the southern cities of Marseille, Nice and Toulouse to cut costs by 15 percent and improve productivity.

Last year, the Air France-KLM group lost 700 million euros on its short- and

medium-haul flights due to intense competition from low-cost carriers. The airline said it hopes to break even on the network by 2014 but warned that "additional savings will be necessary."

Air France-KLM last month reported results for the calendar year for the first time since it was structured in its current form in 2004, posting a net loss of 809 million euros compared with net profit of 289 million euros on an equivalent basis in 2010.





INDIA, Hyderabad: Indian technicians work in the Sikorsky S-92 helicopter cabin manufacturing facility at Tata Advanced Systems Limited (TASL) in Hyderabad on April 2, 2012. Tata Advanced Systems has set up a Greenfield manufacturing facility at the APIIC Aerospace and Precision Engineering Special Economic Zone in Hyderabad. The facility is export oriented, and the cabins manufactured will form the overall helicopter structure that Sikorsky will integrate and complete for its global S-92 aircraft customers.



Julia Roberts reflects on evil in 'Mirror Mirror'

LOS ANGELES (AFP) - Julia Roberts has taken time off from Hollywood of late to focus on her three young children -- but admits she enjoys being back on the big screen, as a fairytale villain in her latest movie.

Playing the evil Queen in "Mirror Mirror," a new version of Snow White, marks a departure for the US actress, whose career has included everything from campaigning lawyer to high-class call girl and celebrity love interest.

Directed by Indian filmmaker Tarsem Singh -- who made last year's "Immortals" -- the movie is based on the famous Brothers Grimm children's tale.

Roberts, who at 44 remains one of Hollywood's most bankable stars, made her name in films including 1990's "Pretty Woman" and "Erin Brockovich" in 2000, and said she never thought she would appear in a fairy tale.

"Just the one sentence pitched over the phone: 'Hey, they're doing this Snow White adaptation,' that didn't grab my attention. I didn't have any interest in this one, really, until Tarsem lured me in his lurid way." she told reporters.



"And I looked at the script and realized that there was really something here."

The film tells the story popularized around the world by Disney, but gives it a different, sometimes comic or even absurd twist, creating a visual universe sometimes closer to "Alice in Wonderland" than the Brothers Grimm.

For Roberts, the film is less about making it different from Disney, but more "changing the tone of it, just giving a different relationship" between the Queen and Snow White, played by young British actress Lily Collins.

"I think people like variations on things," Roberts said.

The "Notting Hill" and, more recently, "Eat Pray Love"

star said she liked playing the Queen, Snow White's cruel stepmother.

"It was fun to play this villain, because there aren't any real rules of syntax or reality that apply to her. So I could kind of do anything and just go off the rails in any direction at any time, and it would make sense to me.

"In that regard, it was a lot of fun. You don't have to worry too much about 'Would a person really do this?""

But she added: "I'm happy to announce (that the Evil Queen) is not inside me... Without naming names, I drew from a couple of people I know better than I wish I did, and found it very fun and helpful."

While "Mirror Mirror" is a family film, Roberts says she nevertheless has no plans to show it to her 7-year-old twins Hazel and Phinnaeus, or 4-year-old Henry, anytime soon.

"We have a pretty rigid viewing feeling in our house. We're more book people in our house. I mean, we'll find our time that'll be happy and joyous for us to share that all together, but it probably isn't now," she said.

More kudos for Taylor Swift at country music awards



LOS ANGELES (AFP) - Taylor Swift won entertainer of the year for the second year running Sunday at the 47th Academy of Country Music awards in Las Vegas, adding to her ever-growing collection of show business laurels.

"I'm so happy about this," exclaimed the 22-year-old chart-topper, clinching the fanvoted laurel while jumping up and down in a figure-hugging white J. Mendel gown at the climax of the three-hour gala ceremony.

Swift also gave a shout-out to Kevin McGuire, 18, a lukemia-stricken New Jersey high school student who had asked her via Facebook to be his prom date -- only for her to invite him, also via Facebook, to the awards ceremony instead.

McGuire's sister revealed

Sunday, via the social networking site, that he had been readmitted to hospital the day before with a 103 degree (39.4 Celsius) fever. He is also undergoing intense chemotherapy.

Swift won a raft of awards in 2011, including entertainer of the year at the Country Music Awards in Nashville, and kept on winning at the Grammys in February where she took best country song and solo performance for "Mean."

Miranda Lambert collected album of the year Sunday for "Four the Record," pledging "I will never take this trophy for granted," then returned to the stage for female vocalist of the year

Lady Antebellum took vocal group of the year -- accepting the honor from 1970s glitter band Kiss.

Jason Aldean and Kelly Clarkson collected single of the year for "Don't You Want to Stay." Song of the year went to the Eli Young Band for "Crazy Girl."

Bluegrass legend Earl Scruggs, who died in Nashville on Wednesday at the age of 88, was remembered with a banjo set featuring Ohio band Rascal Flatts and comedian, actor and respected banjo player Steve Martin.

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Expatriates from Boston, Massachusetts, residing on Aruba, Aaron and Rosie Walisever are living their dream: a home on paradise while welcoming all and sundry to their proud undertaking, 5 Burgers Aruba. Some may be quite well acquainted with a nationally known U.S franchise bearing the name "5", and patrons can expect the same great quality between the buns. but an expanded menu and Rosie and Aaron's fanatical dedication to giving their customers what they really want has resulted in a unique menu.

"You never get a sec- too ond chance to make a first impression," comments Aaron; and upon entering 5 Burgers Aruba in The Village Mall in Palm Beach, one is struck by utterly spotless surroundings and a smiling, friendly, attentive service crew. Of course, the main item on the menu is burgers-the way they were meant to be, thick and juicy, made fresh daily and 100% pure beef, the kind that made he hamburger a traditional American treat.

Prices vary only slightly between regular and small (basi-



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cally 2 patties or 1) with specialty items such as Gouda Burger, Farmer's Burger, Man Burger (almost 12 ounces of choice beef), and a Western Burger with crispy onion rings and BBQ sauce. All of these can be personalized with an incredible array of toppings, (mushrooms, jalapeño peppers, bacon, cheese, lettuce, tomato...whatever the list goes on) at absolutely no extra cost.

5 Burger portions are ENORMOUS! Aaron suggests that even their small serving of fries, which are made from



Rosie and Aaron love their Burger

hand-cut fresh Idaho potatoes, is enough to be shared by two. He was very amused to watch a famous French chef demonstrating the best way to make fried potatoes on a gourmet cooking show and could only comment "He stole my recipe!" Try them the English way-with vinegar, and you'll wonder how you ever ate fries without it. This same 5-star chef also swears by Gouda as the best topping for the ideal gourmet cheeseburger.

If you are a fan of crispy friend onion rings, as we are at THE MORNING NEWS, you cannot leave there without trying their secret recipe batter-dipped gourmet rings, made from fresh, not frozen onions. Unquestionably, the best we have had anywhere, and for those that like a little spice, the fried jalapeños are a real treat. Aaron and Rosie have expanded their menu to accommodate certain tastes and dietary needs; they offer a tasty grilled chicken sandwich as well.

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Tiger, Rory pace power-packed Masters field



AUGUSTA (AFP) - Tiger Woods and Rory McIlroy command most of the attention leading into Thursday's start of the 76th Masters, but there will be 95 other golfers trying to win the champion's green jacket, too.

green jacket, too.
World No. 7 Woods, the highest-ranked Masters winner, snapped a 2 1/2-year win drought by taking the Arnold Palmer Invitational two weeks ago, showing the form that brought him 14 career major titles, four off Jack Nicklaus's record.

"Fine tuning here and there, making the adjustments, that's a good sign for Augusta," Woods said. "I understand how to play Augusta National and it's just a matter of executing the game plan."

Second-ranked McIlroy, a Northern Ireland prodigy who won last month's Honda Classic to seize the top ranking for two weeks, won his first major crown at last year's US Open after a backnine Sunday collapse cost him the Masters.

"I've always been a pretty confident guy, but I've got a lot more belief in myself now when I'm going down the stretch," McIlroy said. "I definitely don't doubt myself as much as I used to."

Either Woods, 36, or McIlroy, 22, is featured on covers of the latest golf magazines, both of them drawn in boxing gloves for one publication. They are not the whole show at Augusta National this week, but they are the headliners.

"If we want to win this tournament, we have to beat Rory and Tiger," said 2006 US Open champion Geoff Ogilvy of Australia, who shared fourth last year. "I don't think they are the whole show but you have to beat them to win."

Aussie Jason Day, who shared second last year with countryman Adam Scott, sees the excitement of a possible

Woods-McIlroy showdown as a benefit to golf, but he wouldn't be surprised to see someone else win the title on Sunday.

"It's going to be pretty exciting with Tiger just winning recently and how Rory has been playing this year," Day said. "There are a bunch of guys this year that have really stepped up and played great. Hopefully we can have another exciting finish like we did last year.

"Any player like Rory or Phil (Mickelson) or Tiger that goes ahead and wins this week, it would be great for the game of golf.

"But I'm going to do my best to try to stop them."

South African legend Gary Player, a three-time Masters champion who has made a record 52 starts at Augusta National, likes Rory McIlroy to win the Masters.

"I have to favor Rory McIlory this year," Player wrote in a Laureus website blog. "Last year he was playing so well and was leading and had that collapse in the final round with an 80.

"I think Rory has a little revenge in his heart for the golf course. The way he recovered from that upset at the US Open a couple of months later showed what maturity he has."

Player expects a strong performance from Woods in the wake of his first triumph since the sex scandal that destroyed his iconic image and his marriage.

"It's the first time I've seen him drive the ball well in a long time," said Player. "He's going to be very, very tough at Augusta. He knows the course, he's confident and he's had a tough time for two years and he's very hungry."

Guardiola looks to strike Milan hard

BARCELONA (AFP) - Barcelona coach Pep Guardiola believes it is crucial his forward line is on song against AC Milan as he fully expects the Serie A leaders to score at the Camp Nou in their Champions League quarter-final second leg clash on Tuesday.

The defending champions cruised through the last round with a 7-1 thrashing of Bayer Leverkusen in the second leg at home with Lionel Messi scoring a record five goals in the process, but this tie is evenly balanced after a 0-0 draw at the San Siro last week.

Milan defended solidly and were able to break up Barcelona's quick passing through the midfield. They now know that a score draw will see them through to the semi-finals.

Guardiola realises that the onus is on his players to break down the Italian side's solid defence.

"I'm pretty sure that they are going to get a goal and so it is down to us to try and find the way to create chances because if they have to defend with eight players in the penalty then they will do," said Guardiola.

"We are now in the latter stages of the competition and

this is a key match which we have to win. We need to find a way to score goals and so we will have to with strong rhythm, press forward and move the ball quickly.

"There is no question of underestimating Milan.

"We know that they are a team that can knock us out as they create chances, defend well and are strong on the counter-attack.

"We are not a side which can hold out for very long defensively and so if Milan dominate the possession then there is something that we are doing wrong."

Defensive talisman Carles Puyol was rested in Saturday's 2-0 victory over Athletic Bilbao but is expected to return to the starting lineup against Milan.

It could again be at leftback like in the first leg with first choice Eric Abidal waiting for a liver transplant.

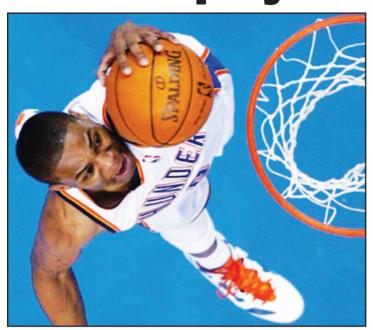
Puyol said Barcelona will adopt their typical attacking approach.

"Our plan is the same as normal, to go out to try and win and play our football while at the same time aware that we are up against an excellent side.

"I'm sure that they are going to be tight at the back and wait to counter-attack us.



Thunder dominate Bulls to book playoff spot



Thunder's Russell Westwood

OKLAHOMA CITY, Oklahoma (AFP) - The Oklahoma City Thunder beat the shorthanded Chicago Bulls 92-78 on Sunday, delivering a dominant victory that booked their place in the NBA playoffs

Russell Westbrook scored 27 points and Kevin Durant added 26 points and 10 rebounds as the Thunder moved within one game of the playoff-bound Bulls for best record in the league.

The Bulls hadn't lost on

the road since February 12 at Boston, but they never led this one and trailed by as many as 30 points in the fourth quarter.

"We played our best defense of the year," said Thunder coach Scott Brooks. "I like the way the guys got after the basketball. They challenged every pass, they challenged every shot."

Although the Bulls were without NBA Most Valuable Player Derrick Rose for a 10th straight game, Chicago coach Tom Thibodeau said the rest of the Bulls failed to step up.

step up.
"I was more concerned with the mental aspect. I thought we made a lot of mental mistakes," he said.

Reserve John Lucas was the Bulls' top scorer with 19 points

"We were awful offensively and defensively," said Chicago's Joakim Noah. "It's disappointing."



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Miller named to NBA Hall of Fame



John Doleva, president and CEO of the Naismith Memorial Basketball Hall of Fame, gives a jersey to five-time NBA All-Star Reggie Miller, as he is announced as an inductee at a news conference in New Orleans

NEW ORLEANS, Louisiana (AFP) - Reggie Miller, who played his entire 17-year career with the Indiana Pacers, was named to the American Basketball Hall of Fame on Monday.

Miller is the Pacers all-time leading scorer and a five-time National Basketball Association all-star.

Also named to the Hall of Fame Monday are former NBA players Ralph Sampson, Jamaal Wilkes and ex-player and NBA coach Don Nelson.

Miller finished as Indiana's all-time leader with 25,279 points. He recorded the most

three-pointers made (320) in NBA playoff history.

Nelson, who has been a player, coach and general manager, is one of just two coaches to earn NBA Coach of the Year honours three times. He has more than 1,300 NBA coaching victories and captured five titles as a player with the Boston Celtics.

Wilkes won four NBA titles with Golden State and the Los Angeles Lakers, while Sampson was rookie of the year in 1984 and made the all-star team the next year.

Induction ceremonies will take place in September.

IBM boss could be first female Augusta member

AUGUSTA, Georgia (AFP) - The male-only membership of Augusta National Golf Club is a topic of conversation once again as the 76th Masters prepares to tee off on Thursday at the famed course.

Nine years after a protest by women's groups outside the gates of Augusta National during the tournament, the focus is on IBM chief executive officer Virginia Rometty and whether or not she will become the club's first woman.

IBM is among the sponsors of the Masters and for nearly 30 years, IBM chief executives have been granted membership at the exclusive organization, a private club that is not required to induct women.

The question is set to arise again on Wednesday when Augusta National chairman Billy Payne, the key figure behind Atlanta hosting the 1996 Olympics, speaks with reporters on the eve of the year's first major championship.

Typically, membership issues are deemed private club matters when questions are raised.

As such, Rometty, who on January 1 became IBM's first woman in the top executive post, might already be a groundbreaking member of the 79-year-old club.



UNITED KINGDOM, Blackburn: Manchester United's French defender Patrice Evra (R) vies with Blackburn Rovers' Norweigan midfielder Morten Gamst Pedersen during the English Premier League football match between Blackburn Rovers and Manchester United at Ewood Park, Blackburn, north-west England on April 2, 2012. Manchester United went five points clear at the top of the Premier League after late goals by Antonio Valencia and Ashley Young sealed a 2-0 win at struggling Blackburn. (AFP photo)

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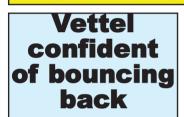
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PARIS (AFP) - Germany's two-time defending Formula One champion Sebastian Vettel said on Monday his rivals should beware because he would bounce back in the next two Grand Prix' China and Bahrain.

The 24-year-old lies sixth after two races, 17 points adrift of leader Spain's two-time champion Fernando Alonso, having finished second in the opening race in Australia before failing to finish in the points in the rain-affected Malysian race.

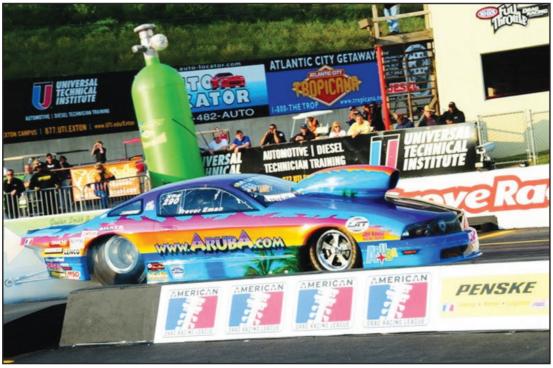
However, Vettel - who were he to defend his world title would be the first driver to win the title three successive times - said he wasn't too concerned by the early season showing of him and his previously all-conquering Red Bull car.

"I'm confident for the

"I'm confident for the next two races (the Chinese GP in Shanghai on April 15 and Bahrain on April 22)," said Vettel, who was here to accept the Sports Academy Grand Prix prize voted by 50 sporting personalities for the most outstanding sporting achievement of 2011.

"It's a shame I didn't get a point in Malaysia," added Vettel, who moaned after the race that Indian driver Narain Karthikeyan was an idiot after a collision between the two cost him any chance of a points finish.

Team Aruba keeps positive outlook



HOUSTON, Texas -- The Aruba.com Extreme Pro Stock Team is admittedly an underdog in the ADRL world. Referred to as the "small team from a beautiful island," they get a warm welcome from fans, but don't always find it easy to compete with the big dogs of the sport. Such was the case at this past weekend's ADRL season opener, the CarSafe Dragpalooza. Driver Trevor Eman admits his disappointment over not making the show, but isn't deterred from high hopes for the remainder of the season:

"I honestly didn't expect the weekend to go as it did. The whole team was prepared to do well this weekend. Everybody was excited to start the season again, so saying that we are disappointed is an understatement.

"We didn't qualify here last year, mostly because of the new car blues we had at the time, but we expected that we had that stuff out of the way. We were making decent runs at the end of last year, so we know we are capable of qualifying at every single race we attend.

"We put a lot of effort into getting ready for the season opener by spending four days testing earlier in the month, so we certainly expected better results. This is not the way we had hoped to start the sea-

"But, despite our disappointments, the team is still strong," continued Eman, "and we know that we are more than capable of making rounds and being a threat in XPS. This race things just didn't go our way. I believe we were plagued with some tire issues for the first two rounds of qualifying, and were in dire need of the third qualifying session, which would have been the night session. The ADRL decided to eliminate that session, which really hurt our chances of making the show. We were obviously upset with ADRL's decision to cut that qualifying round. I believe they called it too early. I understand they were worried about dew setting in, and I am always one to put safety first, but I think we would have been able to get that round in without putting anyone in danger. I know the fans would have loved the night session, too. I hope they weren't too disappointed."

With every single run being crucial to competition, and tire trouble plaguing the team, they missed the field by a hundredth of a second, qualifying 17th with a 4.163. Unfortunately, they leave Houston with more unfinished business to be tackled in 2013.

"Royal Purple Raceway is an awesome facility," told Eman, "but my luck there has not been good at all. We'll try it again there next year.

"On a better note though, we had the opportunity to help the Pluchino Racing team by taking their race car to Texas for them. John did an awesome job of driving and was able to take his car all the way to the winner's circle. It was nice to be around the excitement of them winning the race. I was certainly very happy for them.

had hoped to start off the year, but we're not going to let it get us down. The season is still very young. The only place to go from here is up!"